1	2	3	4	5
13.	Kerala	11221.00	459.70	4.10
14.	Madhya Pradesh	95212.00	728.11	0.76
15.	Maharashtra	63842.00	936.10	1.47
16.	Manipur	15154.00	0.003	0.00002
17.	Meghalaya	9496.00	154.64	1.63
18.	Mizoram	15935.00	0.13	0.0008
19.	Nagaland	8629.00	0.00	0.00
20.	Orissa	57184.00	756.96	1.32
21.	Punjab	2901.00	44.09	1.52
22.	Rajasthan	31700.00	175.84	0.55
23.	Sikkim	2650.00	120.00	4.53
24.	Tamil Nadu	22628.00	182.83	0.81
25.	Tripura	6293.00	419.27	6.66
26.	Uttaranchal	34662.00	104.00	0.30
27.	Uttar Pradesh	17001.00	252.10	1.48
	TOTAL:	745884.00	12443.82	

**~~Forest~~ Survey of India Report, 1999.

Death of fishes in Yamuna in Agra

348. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back, thousands of fish were found dead in a short of stretch of the Yamuna river in Agra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been made to find out the reasons for this incident;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure that untreated sewage and industrial effluents are not dumped indiscriminately into the river by the industries?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) the incident of fish mortality in river Yamuna were reported on 13th and 17th June, 2002 in the stretch from Agra to Bateshwar. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) carried out detailed survey

and water quality monitoring in this stretch. The findings of CPCB revealed that low flow in the river and sudden release of water from Gokul Barrage, might have resulted in scouring of organic matter in the river bed and that high quantity of organic matter might have lead to depletion of oxygen in the river water causing fish mortality.

(e) The CPCB has issued directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water Act, 1974, to Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Haryana State Pollution Control Board and Delhi Pollution Control Committee for taking steps to properly operate and maintain the sewage treatment plants, provide facilities for collection and treatment of sewage in the State and to comply with the effluent standards stgringently for industries located along river Yamuna.

PM's Intervention in imports of genetically modified foods

349. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has sought Prime Minister's intervention to make imports of genetically modified foods transparent;

(b) if so, whether in the absence of an appropriate frame-work, GM foods were entering the country;

(c) whether there have been reports that India was importing huge quantities of Soya oils, extracted from GM seeds;

(d) whether the Ministry of Agriculture had also written to his Ministry to issue necessary notification under the Environment Protection Act, 1986; and

(e) if so, what has been the Prime Minister's response on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is not correct to say that there is no appropriate framework for import of GM foods in the country. Rule 11 of the Manufacture, use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Microorganisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells, 1989 notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, provides that foods stuffs, ingredients in food stuffs